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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Michael D. West et al.

Application No. 09/656,173

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Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: J. Woitach

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Title: METHODS OF REPAIRING TANDEMLY REPEATED DNA SEQUENCES  
AND EXTENDING CELL LIFE-SPAN USING NUCLEAR TRANSFER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment follows Applicants' election without traverse of Group XI, claims 73 and 74, directed to DNA derived from a human cell, filed May 13, 2002, in response to the Restriction Requirement December 11, 2001.

Kindly enter the following preliminary amendments and remarks prior to further examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 3 of page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/527,026, filed March 16, 2000, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/520,879, filed April